

# COMSC-210 Lecture Topic 16

## Graphs

### Reference

Childs Ch. 15  
[YouTube DFS](#)

### Graphs

Generalization of linked list concept  
 nodes can link to *any* other node

...including self

applications:

route maps  
 project charts  
 mazes

### Graph Terminology

"vertex" (like a linked list node)

"edge" (like a linked list link)

"cost" of taking an "edge" btwn 2 "vertices"  
 1 or distance or time or...

"digraph" -- directed links (one-way links)

"graph" -- bi-directional links

"search" -- iteration

"route"

### Representing Vertices

```
struct Vertex
{
    string name; // not a template
    other stuff
};
```

...more data members will be added later...

### Storing Vertices And Edges

use any O(1) index-accessible array (incl. STL representations)

store vertices in an indexed array structure

e.g., main "database" as vector

```
vector<Vertex> database;
```

use push\_back to populate the array

e.g., main "database" as array  
 Vertex database[N];

for [dense network](#) (many vertex interconnections)

store edges in an "adjacency matrix": 2D table

row for each "from" vertex

column for each "to" vertex

cell contains "cost", if connected

triangular or square

e.g., vector<vector<double>> cost;

Or double cost[N][N];

for [sparse network](#) (vertices connect to neighbors mostly)

store edges in "adjacency lists": lists of downstream vertices

stored with vertices, in struct definition

```
list<pair<int, double>> adjacentVertices;
```

STL pair includes index of "neighbor" vertex...

...and weighted edge cost to that neighbor

*Req'd space between > symbols*

### Implementation Of Adjacency Lists For Sparse Networks

```
struct Vertex
{
    string name;
    list<pair<int, double>> adjacentVertices;
    other stuff
};
```

### Graph Iteration Techniques

simplest: iterate "database" list

the familiar O(n) linear search

more complicated: BFS and DFS

from a start vertex through all *reachable*

choose *any* starting point

breadth first ("fans out" from start)

depth first ("probes" from start)

need to avoid revisiting vertices

all unit costs -- no cost list needed:

### Finding Routes

from a start vertex to an ending vertex

goal: function to *return cost of route AND STL stack with vertex names*  
 need to avoid revisiting vertices & track how I got there:

```
struct Vertex
{
    string name; // constant
    list<pair<int, double>> adjacentVertices;

    bool isVisited; // variable
    int prev; // variable (sentinel = -1)
    double cost; // variable
};
```

problem: how to return 2 things?

an STL solution: pair<stack<int>, double> as return type (requires "utility" library)

```
pair<stack<int>, double> getRoute(int iStart, int iEnd, vector<Vertex> database)
{
    pair<stack<int>, double> result; // route, cost
    ...
    result.second = database[iEnd].cost;
    for (int vertex = iEnd; vertex >= 0; vertex = database[vertex].prev)
        result.first.push(vertex);
    return result;
}
```

### Finding The "Shortest Route"

"cost" is 1 per edge -- edges are *not* weighted

that is, count the number of "jumps"

set cost=0 and previous index=-1 for all vertices, and mark all as not visited

create a queue to store the "to do list"

mark start vertex as "visited" and push it onto the "to do list"

while the "to do list" is not empty

peek/pop a vertex from the "to do list"

for each of that vertex's neighbors

if neighbor has not yet been visited

mark neighbor as visited

set neighbor's cost to 1+cost of vertex under consideration

set neighbor's previous vertex to the vertex under consideration

push neighbor into the "to do list"

if neighbor vertex contains the index of the end city

empty the "to do list"

exit for-loop

the route's cost equals the end vertex's cost

build a stack of entries, starting from the end vertex, back towards the start

### Finding The "Cheapest Route" -- Dijkstra's Algorithm

edge "costs" are weighted

revisited vertex *may* be cheaper -- need to track

```
struct Container // vertex container, for multiple ways to get to a vertex
{
    int vertex; // index in database array
    int prev; // index in database array
    double cost;

    bool operator<(const Container& v) const
    {
        return cost > v.cost;
    }
};
```

need operator< for use in priority queue

reset the cost and previous indices for all vertices, isVisited to false

create *priority queue* of Container objects

create a Container object for the start vertex, with 0 cost and negative prev index

push the start vertex's container onto the priority queue

while the priority queue is not empty

peek/pop a container object from the priority queue

if contained object's been visited, "continue"

mark contained object as visited

set its cost to that of its container

set its prev to that of its container

if contained vertex is the end vertex, exit while-loop

for each of that vertex's unvisited neighbors

create a container object for neighbor

set its cost to that of the vertex, plus edge cost

```
struct Vertex
{
    string name; // constant
    list<pair<int, double> > adjacentVertices;

    bool isVisited; // variable flag used in searches
};
```

#### ■ Breadth First Search (BFS)

goal: function to *return STL queue of all vertices reachable from the start*

```
create an empty result queue to return at end of function call
create another queue to store the "to do list"
initialize each vertex in database: set to "not visited"
mark starting vertex as "visited"
push start vertex's index onto the result queue
push start vertex's index onto the "to do list"
while the "to do list" is not empty
    peek/pop a vertex from the "to do list"
    for each of that vertex's "neighbors"
        if neighbor has not yet been visited
            mark neighbor as visited
            push neighbor onto the result queue
            push neighbor onto the "to do list"
```

#### ■ Depth First Search (DFS)

goal: function to *return STL queue of all vertices reachable from the start*

```
create an empty result queue for returning at the end
create a stack to store the "to do list"
initialize each vertex in database: set to "not visited"
push start vertex's index onto the "to do list"
while the "to do list" is not empty
    peek/pop a vertex from the "to do list"
    if that vertex has not yet been visited
        mark the vertex as visited
        push vertex onto the result queue
        for each of that vertex's "neighbors" (in reverse order)
            if neighbor has not yet been visited
                push neighbor onto the "to do list"
```

set its previous to the vertex  
 push container onto priority queue  
 the route's cost equals the end vertex's cost  
 build a stack of entries, starting from the end vertex, back towards the start

why a container?  $O(n)$  to find vertex in queue, pop, change, and reinsert

why not quit when end vertex found? might still be shorter routes

#### ■ The Main Program

```
// load database
vector<Vertex> database;
...

// get start/end points
string startCity, endCity;
int iStartCity = iEndCity = -1; // indices of start/end cities
cout << "\nEnter the source city [blank to exit]: ";
getline(cin, startCity);
if (startCity.length() == 0) break;

cout << "Enter the destination city [blank to exit]: ";
getline(cin, endCity);
if (endCity.length() == 0) break;

for (int i = 0; i < database.size(); i++)
{
    if (startCity == database[i].name) iStartCity = i;
    if (endCity == database[i].name) iEndCity = i;
}

// get cheapest route
if (iStartCity >= 0 && iEndCity >= 0)
{
    pair<stack<int>, double> result = getCheapestRoute(iStartCity, iEndCity, database);
    cout << "Total miles: " << result.first;
    while (!result.second.empty())
    {
        cout << " " <<
            database[result.second.top()].name << ' ';
        result.second.pop();
    }
    cout << endl;
```

...Or use `database[iEndCity].cost` as route's cost  
 and avoid using `pair`